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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The twenty-first session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 November to 3 December 1999. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m.

2. The attached provisional agenda and annotations for the twenty-first session of the Committee have been prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Committee.

3. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6 containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its twenty-first session.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organization of work.

3. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

4. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.

5. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies.

6. Consideration of reports:

   (a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant;

   (b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant.

7. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies.

8. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant.

9. Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the Economic and Social Council.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 5 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of its officers when required under rule 14. In accordance with rule 6 the Committee, during a session, may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, delete or defer items.

2. Organization of work

In accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure, at the beginning of each session, the Committee shall consider appropriate organizational matters, including the schedule of its meetings. In this connection, the attention of the members of the Committee is drawn to the draft programme of work for the session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee and in accordance with established practice (E/C.12/1999/L.2).

3. Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Committee decided at its fourteenth session (28 April-17 May 1996) that as from its fifteenth session its discussions relating to the implementation of the Covenant (NGO hearings, methods of work, consideration and adoption of General Comments, etc.) would be conducted under this agenda item.

4. Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

At its fourteenth session, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, recognizing the importance of periodically reviewing the implementation by States parties of its suggestions and recommendations, requested the Secretariat to submit to it, as from the fifteenth session, a document indicating all cases where a follow-up had been suggested by the Committee. In this connection, the attention of the members of the Committee is drawn to document E/C.12/1999/8 which contains the requested information.

5. Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies

The Committee decided at its sixth session to nominate individual members to follow the work of each of the other treaty bodies. Such members are to follow as closely as possible the work of the relevant committees, to liaise where possible with members of these committees and to present an oral report on developments of both a procedural and substantive nature in their work which appeared to be of specific relevance to the work of the Committee (E/1992/23, paras. 371-373).

6. Consideration of reports

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 61, paragraph 2, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall normally consider the reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Covenant in the order in which they have been received by the Secretary-General. Representatives of the reporting States are entitled to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined; such representatives should be able to make statements on the reports submitted by their Governments and reply to questions which may be put to them by the members of the Committee.

At its twentieth session, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to schedule five reports from five States parties for consideration at its twenty-first session. The Committee also decided to continue at its twenty-first session a review of the implementation of the provisions of the Covenant in Solomon Islands, which has not submitted any report since ratifying the Covenant in 1982, on the basis of any information that may be available to it.

In a letter dated 7 July 1999, the Chairperson of the Committee invited the following specialized agencies, United Nations organs and financial institutions to send representatives to attend the 38th meeting of the Committee on Friday, 19 November 1999, for which follow-up consideration of the state of implementation of the Covenant by Solomon Islands had been scheduled: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

In accordance with rule 62, paragraph 2, of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the opening date and duration of the twenty-first session of the Committee as well as of the dates at which their respective reports will be examined and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee.

As at 15 July 1999, the reports listed below had been received by the Secretary-General. The reports of the States parties which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-first session are identified by an asterisk. The tentative timetable for consideration of those reports, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, is contained in document E/C.12/1999/L.2.

Initial reports

Cameroon*	E/1990/5/Add.35
Armenia*	E/1990/5/Add.36
Georgia	E/1990/5/Add.37
Egypt	E/1990/5/Add.38
Honduras	E/1990/5/Add.40
Sudan	E/1990/5/Add.41
Kyrgyzstan	E/1990/5/Add.42
China: Hong Kong	E/1990/5/Add.43
Bolivia	E/1990/5/Add.44

Second periodic reports

Argentina*	E/1990/6/Add.16
Jordan	E/1990/6/Add.17
Belgium	E/1990/6/Add.18
Venezuela	E/1990/6/Add.19
Morocco	E/1990/6/Add.20
Japan	E/1990/6/Add.21
Yugoslavia	E/1990/6/Add.22
Republic of Korea	E/1990/6/Add.23

Third periodic reports

Bulgaria*	E/1994/104/Add.16
Mexico*	E/1994/104/Add.18
Italy	E/1994/104/Add.19
Portugal	E/1994/104/Add.20
Mongolia	E/1994/104/Add.21
Australia	E/1994/104/Add.22
Syrian Arab Republic	E/1994/104/Add.23

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 67 of its rules of procedure the Committee is entrusted with the task of considering the reports submitted by specialized agencies pursuant to article 18 of the Covenant.

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the specialized agencies concerned may make statements on matters falling within the scope of the activities of their respective organization in the course of the discussion by the Committee of the report of each State party to the Covenant. The representatives of the States parties presenting reports to the Committee shall be free to respond to, or take into account, the statements made by the specialized agencies. The Secretary-General has invited the following specialized agencies, United Nations organs and financial institutions to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO), Office of the United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/Aids (UNAIDS), International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

Any report which may be received from the specialized agencies under article 18 of the Covenant will be made available to the Committee in due course.

7. Formulation of suggestions and recommendations of a general nature based on the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies

Pursuant to rule 64 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may wish to make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties and the reports submitted by specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant. The Committee may also wish to make suggestions for consideration by the Council with reference to articles 19, 22 and 23 of the Covenant.

8. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

In accordance with rule 59, paragraph 1, of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall at each session consider the status of submission of reports under article 16 of the Covenant and may make appropriate recommendations to the Council, including recommendations to the effect that the Secretary-General should send reminders to States parties from which reports have not been received.

The Committee will have before it under this item the following document:

A note by the Secretary-General on the States parties to the Covenant and the Status of submission of reports (E/C.12/1999/7).

9. Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the Economic and Social Council

In accordance with rule 57 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall submit to the Council an annual report on its activities, which shall contain, inter alia, the concluding observations of the Committee relating to each State party's report.

The Committee shall also include in its report suggestions and recommendations of a general nature referred to under rule 64 of the rules of procedure of the Committee.

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STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND STATUS OF THE SUBMISSION OF REPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAMME ESTABLISHED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN RESOLUTION 1988/4 AND RULE 58 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 entered into force on 3 January 1976, three months after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the thirty-fifth instrument of ratification, as provided for in article 27 of the Covenant.

2. As at 15 July 1999, the Covenant had been ratified or acceded to by 139 States. A list of States parties as well as information on the status of the submission of reports by States parties, is to be found in the annex to the present document.

Annex

STATES PARTIES TO THE COVENANT AND STATUS OF SUBMISSION OF REPORTS
(as of 15 July 1999)

State party	Date of entry into force	INITIAL REPORTS			SECOND PERIODIC REPORTS		
		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
1. Afghanistan	24 April 1983	E/1990/5/Add.8 (E/C.12/1991/SR.2, 4-6 and 8)			Overdue		
2. Albania	4 January 1992	Overdue					
3. Algeria	12 December 1989	E/1990/5/Add.22 (E/C.12/1995/SR.46, 47, 48)			Overdue		
4. Angola	10 April 1992	Overdue					
5. Argentina	8 November 1986	E/1990/5/Add.18 (E/C.12/1994/SR.31, 32, 35, 36, 37)		E/1988/5/Add.4 E/1988/5/Add.8 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.18-20)	E/1990/6/Add.16 (Pending consideration)		
6. Armenia	13 December 1993	E/1990/5/Add.36 (Pending consideration)					
7. Australia**	10 March 1976	E/1978/8/Add.15 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.12-13)	E/1980/6/Add.22 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.18)	E/1982/3/Add.9 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.13-14)	E/1984/7/Add.22 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.17, 18 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.7 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.10, 11, 13 and 14)	E/1990/7/Add.13 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.13, 15 and 20)
8. Austria***	10 December 1978	E/1984/6/Add.17 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.3-4)	E/1980/6/Add.19 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.37 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.3)	E/1990/6/Add.5 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.39-41)	E/1986/4/Add.8 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.4 and 7)	E/1990/6/Add.5 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.39-41)
9. Azerbaijan	13 November 1992	E/1990/5/Add.30 (E/C.12/1997/SR.39-41)					
10. Bangladesh	5 January 1999	Due on 30 June 2001					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
11. Barbados	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.33 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.3)	E/1980/6/Add.27 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.6-7)	E/1982/3/Add.24 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	Overdue		
12. Belarus**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.19 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1980/6/Add.18 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1982/3/Add.3 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1984/7/Add.8 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.13-15)	E/1986/4/Add.19 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.10-12)	E/1990/7/Add.5 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.2, 3 and 12)
13. Belgium	21 July 1983	E/1990/5/Add.15 (E/C.12/1994/SR.15-17)			E/1990/6/Add.18 (Pending consideration)		
14. Benin	12 June 1992	Overdue					
15. Bolivia	12 November 1982	E/1990/5/Add.44 (Pending consideration)					
16. Bosnia and Herzegovina	6 March 1993	Overdue					
17. Brazil	24 April 1992	Overdue					
18. Bulgaria**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.24 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1980/6/Add.29 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.23 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.11-13)	E/1984/7/Add.18 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.9 and 11)	E/1986/4/Add.20 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.17-19)	
19. Burundi	9 August 1990	Overdue					
20. Cambodia	26 August 1992	Overdue					
21. Cameroon	27 September 1984	E/1990/5/Add.35 (Pending consideration)	E/1986/3/Add.8 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.6-7)	E/1990/5/Add.35 (Pending consideration)			
22. Canada**	19 August 1976	E/1978/8/Add.32 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.1-2)	E/1980/6/Add.32 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.4 and 6)	E/1982/3/Add.34 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.13, 15 and 16)	E/1984/7/Add.28 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1990/6/Add.3 (E/C.12/1993/SR.6, 7 and 18)	
23. Cape Verde	6 November 1993	Overdue					
24. Central African Republic	8 August 1981	Overdue					
25. Chad	9 September 1995	Overdue					

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
26. Chile*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.10 and 28 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1980/6/Add.4 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1982/3/Add.40 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.12-13 and 16)	E/1984/7/Add.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.11-12)	E/1986/4/Add.18 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.12-13 and 16)	Overdue
27. Colombia**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.17 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.15)	E/1986/3/Add.3 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.6 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.36 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.15, 21 and 22)	E/1984/7/Add.21/ Rev.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.22 and 25)	E/1986/4/Add.25 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.12-14 and 17)	E/1990/7/Add.4 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.17, 18 and 25)
28. Congo	5 January 1984	Overdue					
29. Costa Rica	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.3 (E/C.12/1990/SR.38, 40, 41 and 43)			Overdue		
30. Côte d'Ivoire	26 June 1992	Overdue					
31. Croatia	8 October 1991	Overdue					
32. Cyprus**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.21 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.17)	E/1980/6/Add.3 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.6)	E/1982/3/Add.19 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.7-8)	E/1984/7/Add.13 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.18 and 22)	E/1986/4/Add.2 and 26 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.2, 3 and 5)	
33. Czech Republic	1 January 1993	Overdue					
34. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	14 December 1981	E/1984/6/Add.7 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.21-22)	E/1986/3/Add.5 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.21-22)	E/1988/5/Add.6 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.6, 8 and 10)	Overdue		
35. Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 February 1977	E/1984/6/Add.18	E/1986/3/Add.7	E/1982/3/Add.41 (E/C.12/1988/SR.16-19)	Overdue		
36. Denmark**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.13 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1980/6/Add.15 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1982/3/Add.20 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1984/7/Add.11 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.17 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.16 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.8-9)	

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
37. Dominica	17 September 1993	Overdue					
38. Dominican Republic	4 April 1978	E/1990/5/Add.4 (E/C.12/1990/SR.43-45 and 47)			E/1990/6/Add.7 (E/C.12/1996/SR.29 and 30) (E/C.12/1997/SR.29-31)		
39. Ecuador	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.1 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.4-5)	E/1986/3/Add.14 E/1988/5/Add.7 (E/C.12/1990/SR.37-39 and 42)		E/1984/7/Add.12 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.20 and 22)	Overdue	
40. Egypt	14 April 1982	E/1990/5/Add.38 (Pending consideration)					
41. El Salvador	29 February 1980	E/1990/5/Add.25 (E/C.12/1996/SR.15,16,18)			Overdue		
42. Equatorial Guinea	25 December 1987	Overdue					
43. Eritrea	20 April 1999	Due on 30 June 2001					
44. Estonia	21 January 1992	Overdue					
45. Ethiopia	11 September 1993	Overdue					
46. Finland**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.14 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.6)	E/1980/6/Add.11 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1982/3/Add.28 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.7-8)	E/1984/7/Add.14 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.17-18)	E/1986/4/Add.4 (E/1986/WG.1 SR.8-9 and 11)	E/1990/7/Add.1 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.11, 12 and 16)
47. France	4 February 1981	E/1984/6/Add.11 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.18-19 and 21)	E/1986/3/Add.10 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.12-13)	E/1982/3/Add.30 and Corr.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.5 and 7)	Overdue		
48. Gabon	21 April 1983	Overdue					

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
49. Gambia	29 March 1979	Overdue					
50. Georgia	3 August 1994	E/1990/5/Add.37 (Pending consideration)					
51. Germany**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.8 and Corr.1 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.8) E/1978/8/Add.11 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1980/6/Add.6 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.8) E/1980/6/Add.10 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.10)	E/1982/3/Add.15 and Corr.1 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.5-6) E/1982/3/Add.14 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.17-18)	E/1984/7/Add.3 and 23 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.12 and 16) E/1984/7/Add.24 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.22-23 and 25)	E/1986/4/Add.11 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.11, 12 and 14) E/1986/4/Add.10 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.19-20)	E/1990/7/Add.12 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.35, 36 and 46)
52. Greece	16 August 1985	Overdue					
53. Grenada	6 December 1991	Overdue					
54. Guatemala	19 August 1988	E/1990/5/Add.24 (E/C.12/1996/SR.11-14)			Overdue		
55. Guinea	24 April 1978	Overdue					
56. Guinea-Bissau	2 October 1992	Overdue					
57. Guyana	15 May 1977	E/1990/5/Add.27 (Pending consideration)		E/1982/3/Add.5, 29 and 32 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.20 and 22 and E/1985/WG.1/ SR.6)			
58. Honduras	17 May 1981	E/1990/5/Add.40 (Pending consideration)					
59. Hungary*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.7 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1980/6/Add.37 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.6-7 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.10 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.14)	E/1984/7/Add.15 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.19 and 21)	E/1986/4/Add.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.6-7 and 9)	E/1990/7/Add.10 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.9, 12 and 21)

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
60. Iceland	22 November 1979	E/1990/5/Add.6, (E/C.12/1993/SR.29, 30, 31 and 46) E/1990/5/Add.14			E/1990/6/Add.15 (E/C.12/1999/SR.3-5)		
61. India	10 July 1979	E/1984/6/Add.13 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.20 and 24)	E/1980/6/Add.34 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.6 and 8)	E/1988/5/Add.5 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.16-17 and 19)	Overdue		
62. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.9 (E/C.12/1993/SR.7-9 and 20)		E/1982/3/Add.43 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.42, 43 and 45)	Overdue		
63. Iraq**	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.3 and 8 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1980/6/Add.14 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.12)	E/1982/3/Add.26 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.3-4)		E/1986/4/Add.3 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.8 and 11)	E/1990/7/Add.15 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.11 and 14)
64. Ireland	8 March 1990	E/1990/5/Add.34 (E/C.12/1999/SR.14-16)					
65. Israel	3 January 1992	E/1990/5/Add.39 (E/C.12/1998/SR.31-33)					
66. Italy**	15 December 1978	E/1978/8/Add.34 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.3-4)	E/1980/6/Add.31 and 36 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.3 and 5)		E/1990/6/Add.2 (E/C.12/1992/SR.13, 14 and 21)		
67. Jamaica	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.27 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.20)	E/1986/3/Add.12 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	E/1988/5/Add.3 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	E/1984/7/Add.30 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.10-12 and 15)	Overdue	

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
68. Japan	21 September 1979	E/1984/6/Add.6 and Corr.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1986/3/Add.4 and Corr.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.20-21 and 23)	E/1982/3/Add.7 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.12-13)	E/1990/6/Add.21 (Pending consideration)		
69. Jordan	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.15 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.6-8)	E/1986/3/Add.6 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.8)	E/1982/3/Add.38/ Rev.1 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.30-32)	E/1990/6/Add.17 (Pending consideration)		
70. Kenya	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.18					
71. Kuwait	31 August 1996	Overdue					
72. Kyrgyzstan	7 January 1995	E/1990/5/Add.42 (Pending consideration)					
73. Latvia	14 July 1992	Overdue					
74. Lebanon	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.16 (E/C.12/1993/SR.14, 16 and 21)			Overdue		
75. Lesotho	9 December 1992	Overdue					
76. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.26 (E/C.12/1997/SR.20-21)		E/1982/3/Add.6 and 25 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.16-17)	Overdue		
77. Lithuania	20 February 1992	Overdue					
78. Luxembourg	18 November 1983	E/1990/5/Add.1 (E/C.12/1990/SR.33-36)			E/1990/6/Add.9 (E/C.12/1997/SR.48-49)		

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
79. Madagascar	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.29 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.2)	E/1980/6/Add.39 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.2-3 and 5)	Overdue	E/1984/7/Add.19 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.14 and 18)	Overdue	Overdue
80. Malawi	22 March 1994	Overdue					
81. Mali	3 January 1976	Overdue					
82. Malta	13 December 1990	Overdue					
83. Mauritius	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.21 (E/C.12/1995/SR.40, 41 and 43)			Overdue		
84. Mexico**	23 June 1981	E/1984/6/Add.2 and 10 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.24, 26 and 28)	E/1986/3/Add.13 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.6, 7 and 9)	E/1982/3/Add.8 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.4 (E/C.12/1993/SR.32-35 and 49)		
85. Moldova	26 March 1993	Overdue					
86. Monaco	28 November 1997	Overdue					
87. Mongolia**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.6 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1980/6/Add.7 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.8-9)	E/1982/3/Add.11 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.15-16)	E/1984/7/Add.6 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.16 and 18)	E/1986/4/Add.9 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.5 and 7)	
88. Morocco	3 August 1979	E/1990/5/Add.13 (E/C.12/1994/SR.8-10)			E/1990/6/Add.20 (Pending consideration)		
89. Namibia	28 February 1995	Overdue					
90. Nepal	14 August 1991	Overdue					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
91. Netherlands***	11 March 1979	E/1984/6/Add.14 and 20 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.5-6) (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1980/6/Add.33 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.4-6 and 8)	E/1982/3/Add.35 and 44 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.14 and 18) (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.11 E/1990/6/Add.12 (E/C.12/1998/ SR.13-17)	E/1986/4/Add.24 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/6/Add.13 (E/C.12/1998/ SR.13-17)
92. New Zealand	28 March 1979	E/1990/5/Add.5, E/1990/5/Add.11 and E/1990/5/Add.12 (E/C.12/1993/SR.24, 25, 26 and 40)			Overdue		
93. Nicaragua	12 June 1980	E/1984/6/Add.9 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.16-17 and 19)	E/1986/3/Add.15 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.27, 28 and 46)	E/1982/3/Add.31 and Corr.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.15)	Overdue		
94. Niger	7 June 1986	Overdue					
95. Nigeria	29 October 1993	E/1990/5/Add.31 (E/C.12/1998/SR.6-9)					
96. Norway**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.12 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1980/6/Add.5 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.14)	E/1982/3/Add.12 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.16)	E/1984/7/Add.16 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.19 and 22)	E/1986/4/Add.21 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.14-15)	E/1990/7/Add.7 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.4, 5 and 12)
97. Panama	8 June 1977	E/1984/6/Add.19 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	E/1980/6/Add.20 and 23 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1988/5/Add.9 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	Overdue	E/1986/4/Add.22 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.3, 5 and 8)	Overdue
98. Paraguay	10 September 1992	E/1990/5/Add.23 (E/C.12/1996/SR.1, 2 and 4)					
99. Peru	28 July 1978	E/1984/6/Add.5 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.11 and 18)	E/1990/5/Add.29 (E/C.12/1997/SR.15-17)		Overdue		

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
100. Philippines	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.4 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.11)	E/1986/3/Add.17 (E/C.12/1995/ SR.11, 12 and 14)	E/1988/5/Add.2 (E/C.12/1990/ SR.8-9 and 11)	E/1984/7/Add.4 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.15 and 20)	Overdue	
101. Poland**	18 June 1977	E/1978/8/Add.23 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.18-19)	E/1980/6/Add.12 (E/1981/WG 1/ SR.11)	E/1982/3/Add.21 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1984/7/Add.26 and 27 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.25-27)	E/1986/4/Add.12 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.5-6)	E/1990/7/Add.9 (E/C.12/1992/ SR.6, 7 and 15)
102. Portugal**	31 October 1978		E/1980/6/Add.35/ Rev.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.2 and 4)	E/1982/3/Add.27/ Rev.1 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.6 and 9)	E/1990/6/Add.6 (E/C.12/1995/SR.7, 8, 10) E/1990/6/Add.8 (Macao) (E/C.12/1996/SR.31-33)		
103. Republic of Korea	10 July 1990	E/1990/5/Add.19 (E/C.12/1995/SR.3, 4, 6)			E/1990/6/Add.23 (Pending consideration)		
104. Romania*	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.20 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.16-17)	E/1980/6/Add.1 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.5)	E/1982/3/Add.13 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.17-18)	E/1984/7/Add.17 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.10 and 13)	E/1986/4/Add.17 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.6)	E/1990/7/Add.14 (E/C.12/1994/ SR.5, 7 and 13)
105. Russian Federation**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.16 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.14)	E/1980/6/Add.17 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.14-15)	E/1982/3/Add.1 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.11-12)	E/1984/7/Add.7 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.9-10)	E/1986/4/Add.14 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.16-18)	E/1990/7/Add.8 (withdrawn)
106. Rwanda	3 January 1976	E/1984/6/Add.4 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.10 and 12)	E/1986/3/Add.1 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.16 and 19)	E/1982/3/Add.42 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.10-12)	E/1984/7/Add.29 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.10-12)	Overdue	Overdue
107. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	9 February 1982	Overdue					
108. San Marino	18 January 1986	Overdue					

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
109. Senegal	13 May 1978	E/1984/6/Add.22 (E/C.12/1993/ SR.37, 38 and 49)	E/1980/6/Add.13/ Rev.1 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.11)	E/1982/3/Add.17 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.14-16)	Overdue		
110. Seychelles	5 August 1982	Overdue					
111. Sierra Leone	23 November 1996	Overdue					
112. Slovakia	28 May 1993	Overdue					
113. Slovenia	6 July 1992	Overdue					
114. Solomon Islands	17 March 1982	Overdue					
115. Somalia	24 April 1990	Overdue					
116. Spain**	27 July 1977	E/1978/8/Add.26 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.20)	E/1980/6/Add.28 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.7)	E/1982/3/Add.22 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.10-11)	E/1984/7/Add.2 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.12 and 14)	E/1986/4/Add.6 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.10 and 13)	E/1990/7/Add.3 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.13, 14, 16 and 22)
117. Sri Lanka	11 September 1980	E/1990/5/Add.32 (E/C.12/1998/SR.3-5)					
118. Sudan	18 June 1986	E/1990/5/Add.41 (Pending consideration)					
119. Suriname	28 March 1977	E/1990/5/Add.20 (E/C.12/1995/SR.13, 15, 16)			Overdue		
120. Sweden**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.5 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.15)	E/1980/6/Add.8 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.9)	E/1982/3/Add.2 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.19-20)	E/1984/7/Add.5 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.14 and 16)	E/1986/4/Add.13 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.10-11)	E/1990/7/Add.2 (E/C.12/1991/ SR.11-13 and 18)
121. Switzerland	18 September 1992	E/1990/5/Add.33 (E/C.12/1998/SR.37-39)					

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		Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15	Articles 6-9	Articles 10-12	Articles 13-15
		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
122. Syrian Arab Republic**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.25 and 31 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.2)	E/1980/6/Add.9 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.4)		E/1990/6/Add.1 (E/C.12/1991/SR.7, 9 and 11)		
123. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 September 1991	Overdue					
124. Togo	24 August 1984	Overdue					
125. Trinidad and Tobago	8 March 1979	E/1984/6/Add.21	E/1986/3/Add.11 (E/C.12/1989/SR.17-19)	E/1988/5/Add.1	Overdue		
126. Tunisia	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.3 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.5-6)	E/1986/3/Add.9 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.9)		E/1990/6/Add.14 (E/C.12/1999/SR.17-19)		
127. Turkmenistan	1 August 1997	Due on 30 June 1999					
128. Uganda	21 April 1987	Overdue					
129. Ukraine**	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.22 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.18)	E/1980/6/Add.24 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.5-6)	E/1982/3/Add.4 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.11-12)	E/1984/7/Add.9 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.13-15)	E/1986/4/Add.5 (E/C.12/1987/ SR.9-11)	E/1990/7/Add.11 (withdrawn)
130. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**	20 August 1976	E/1978/8/Add.9 and 30 (E/1980/WG.1/ SR.19 and E/1982/WG.1/ SR.1)	E/1980/6/Add.16 and Corr.1, Add.25 and Corr.1 and Add.26 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.16-17)	E/1982/3/Add.16 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.19-21)	E/1984/7/Add.20 (E/1985/WG.1/ SR.14 and 17)	E/1986/4/Add.23 (E/C.12/1989/ SR.16-17) E/1986/4/Add.27 E/1986/4/28 E/C.12/1994/ SR.33, 34, 36, 37	E/1990/7/Add.16 E/C.12/1994/ SR.33, 34, 36 and 37

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		(Summary records of consideration of reports)					
13[7] United Republic of Tanzania	11 September 1976	Overdue	E/1980/6/Add.2 (E/1981/WG.1/ SR.5)	Overdue			
132. Uruguay	3 January 1976	E/1990/5/Add.7(E/C.12/1994/SR.3, 4,6 and 13)			E/1990/6/Add.10 (E/C.12/1997/SR.42-44)		
133. Uzbekistan	28 December 1995	Overdue					
134. Venezuela	10 August 1978	E/1984/6/Add.1 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.7-8 and 10)	E/1980/6/Add.38 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.2 and 5)	E/1982/3/Add.33 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.12, 17 and 18)	E/1990/6/Add.19 (Pending consideration)		
135. Viet Nam	24 December 1982	E/1990/5/Add.10 (E/C.12/1993/SR.9-11 and 19)			Overdue		
136. Yemen	9 May 1987	Overdue					
137. Yugoslavia	3 January 1976	E/1978/8/Add.35 (E/1982/WG.1/ SR.4-5)	E/1980/6/Add.30 (E/1983/WG.1/ SR.3)	E/1982/3/Add.39 (E/C.12/1988/ SR.14-15)	E/1984/7/Add.10 (E/1984/WG.1/ SR.16 and 18)	E/1990/6/Add.22 (Pending consideration)	
138. Zambia	10 July 1984	Overdue	E/1986/3/Add.2 (E/1986/WG.1/ SR.4-5 and 7)	Overdue			
139. Zimbabwe	13 August 1991	E/1990/5/Add.28 (E/C.12/1997/SR.8-10 and 14)			Overdue		

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* The third periodic report, which was due on 30 June 1994, has not yet been received.

** The third periodic report of Sweden (E/1994/104/Add.1) was considered at the twelfth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.13/Add.1, 15/Add.1 and 16); the third periodic report of Colombia (E/1994/104/Add.2) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.32, 33 and 35); the third periodic report of Norway (E/1994/104/Add.3) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.34, 36, 37); the third periodic report of Ukraine (E/1994/104/Add.4) was considered at the thirteenth session (E/C.12/1995/SR.42, 44 and 45); the third periodic report of Spain (E/1994/104/Add.5) was considered at the fourteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.3, 5-7); the third periodic report of Belarus (E/1994/104/Add.6) was considered at the fifteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.34-36); the third periodic report of Finland (E/1994/104/Add.7) was considered at the fifteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.37, 38 and 40); the third periodic report of the Russian Federation (E/1994/104/Add.8) was considered at the fifteenth session (E/C.12/1997/SR.11-14); the third periodic report of Iraq (E/1994/104/Add.9) was considered at the seventeenth session (E/C.12/1997/SR.33-35); the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Hong Kong (E/1994/104/Add.10) was considered at the fifteenth session (E/C.12/1996/SR.39, 41, 42 and 44); the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (E/1994/104/Add.11) was considered at the seventeenth session (E/C.12/1997/SR.36-38); the third periodic report of Cyprus (E/1994/104/Add.12) was considered at the nineteenth session (E/C.12/1998/SR.34-36); the third periodic report of Poland (E/1994/104/Add.13) was considered at the eighteenth session (E/C.12/1998/SR.10-12); the third periodic report of Germany (E/1994/104/Add.14) was considered at the nineteenth session (E/C.12/1998/SR.40-42); the third periodic report of Denmark (E/1994/104/Add.15) was considered at the twentieth session (E/C.12/1999/SR.11-13); the third periodic report of Bulgaria was received on 19 September 1996 (E/1994/104/Add.16); the third periodic report of Canada (E/1994/104/Add.17) was considered at the nineteenth session (E/C.12/1998/SR.46-48); the third period report of Mexico was received on 18 July 1997 (E/1994/104/Add.18); the third periodic report of Italy was received on 20 October 1997 (E/1994/104/Add.19); the third periodic report of Portugal was received on 28 November 1997 (E/1994/104/Add.20); the third periodic report of Mongolia was received on 21 April 1998 (E/1994/104/Add.21); the third periodic report of Australia was received on 15 June 1998 (E/1994/104/Add.22); the third periodic report of the Syrian Arab Republic was received on 22 March 1999 (E/1994/104/Add.23).

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SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 16 AND 17 OF THE COVENANT

Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its fourteenth session, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, recognizing the importance of periodically reviewing the implementation by States parties of its suggestions and recommendations, requested the Secretariat to submit to it, as from the fifteenth session, a document indicating all cases where a follow-up had been suggested by the Committee.

2. The information requested by the Committee is to be found in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

FOLLOW UP BY STATES PARTIES TO THE CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
(status as at 15 July 1999)

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Dominican Republic	E/1990/6/Add.7 E/C.12/1996/SR.29 and 30 E/C.12/1/Add.6	The Committee invited the State party to confirm publicly its commitment to implement its binding human rights treaty obligations. It strongly called upon the Government of the State party to honour its obligations under the Covenant, particularly through maintaining the proper direct and constructive dialogue with the Committee as called for in the Covenant. The Committee proposed to adopt its final concluding observations in relation to the State party at its sixteenth session; for that reason the present concluding observations would be considered "preliminary", pending further consideration of the report based on a dialogue with representatives of the State party at its sixteenth session (concluding observations, para. 26).	28 April-16 May 1997	Final Concluding observations were adopted by the Committee at its seventeenth session (17 November - 5 December 1997), E/C.12/1/Add.16.

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The Committee further recommended that the State party provide it with written replies to the concluding observations adopted at its eleventh session (E/C.12/1994/15), in particular with regard to its request that the State party invite representatives of the Committee to visit the Dominican Republic; the written list of issues drawn up with respect to the third periodic report (E/C.12/1995/LQ.7); information contained in the document "The Dominican Republic: an independent report submitted to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by the International Women's Rights Action Watch" (concluding observations, para. 28).	28 April-16 May 1997	1. The State party invited representatives of the Committee to visit the Dominican Republic (note verbale of 28 April 1997) 2. Written replies to the list of issues submitted 23 April 1997
		The Committee requested the State party to submit the information referred to in the preceding paragraph by 15 February 1997 in order to allow the Committee to consider that information at its sixteenth session (concluding observations, para. 29).	28 April-16 May 1997	The Committee welcomed the resumption of dialogue with the Dominican Republic ... and the submission by
		The Committee strongly recommended that the specific information requested above be presented to the Committee at its sixteenth session by an expert delegation (concluding observations, para. 30).	28 April-16 May 1997	the State party of comprehensive written answers to its List of issues.

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
				The Committee also welcomed the appearance before it of an expert and a high-level delegation from the capital, which allowed for a fruitful and constructive dialogue to be conducted (E/C.12/1/Add.16, para. 1, 3 December 1997).
El Salvador	E/1990/5/Add.25 E/C.12/1996/SR.15, 16, 18 E/C.12/1/Add.4	Further information was requested on articles 6-8 and 15 of the Covenant, as well as on any problems encountered in that regard (concluding observations, para. 36).	31 Oct. 1996	The requested information was provided on 11 August 1998.

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		Information was requested on the activities of the Office of the Procurator for the Defence of Human Rights, in particular on how much weight its recommendations carried and on the action taken on complaints it filed with regard to violations of economic, social and cultural rights, information enabling the Committee to evaluate the extent to which the members of indigenous communities enjoyed all the economic, social and cultural rights provided for in the Covenant (concluding observations, paras. 28 and 35).	Next report	
		The proposal of the Centre for Human Rights concerning technical cooperation should be given favourable consideration and such assistance used to guarantee the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by all (concluding observations, para. 39).		Within the framework of project ELS/95/AH/10 (1997/98)

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Guinea	Without report E/C.12/1996/SR.17, 22 E/C.12/1/Add.5	The Committee reiterated its request that the Government of Guinea actively participate in a constructive dialogue with the Committee on how the obligations arising from the Covenant could be fulfilled in a more adequate manner. It called to the Government's attention the fact that the Covenant created a legal obligation for all States parties to submit periodic reports and that Guinea had been in breach of this obligation for many years (concluding observations, para. 25). The Committee recommended that the Government of Guinea avail itself of the advisory services of the Centre for Human Rights in order to enable it to submit as soon as possible a comprehensive report on the implementation of the Covenant, in conformity with the revised general guidelines adopted by the Committee in 1990 (E/C.12/1991/1) and with particular emphasis on the issues raised and concerns expressed in the concluding observations (concluding observations, para. 26).		

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The Committee encouraged the Centre for Human Rights to make available, through its programme of advisory services and technical assistance, expert assistance to States for the purpose of formulating policies on economic, social and cultural rights, and developing the implementation of coherent and comprehensive plans of action for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as developing adequate means of evaluating and monitoring their realization (concluding observations, para. 27).		
Honduras	E/1997/22, para. 391 Letter from the Government of Honduras, January 1997	Request for technical assistance	May 1997	Assistance provided, March 1997. Initial report received 2 April 1998
Israel	E/1990/5/Add.39 E/C.12/1998/SR.31-33 E/C.12/1/Add.27	The Committee requests the State Party to provide additional information on the realization of economic, social and cultural rights in the Occupied Territories, in order to complete its initial report and thereby to ensure full compliance with its reporting obligations.	30 June 2000	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		Detailed information, including the latest statistical data, is also requested on the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights in East Jerusalem, keeping in mind the concerns raised by the Committee in the relevant paragraphs of the concluding observations. In addition, the Committee also requests updated information on the target dates for recognizing unrecognized villages and an outline plan for the delivery of basic services including water, electricity, access roads, health care and primary education, to which the villagers are entitled as citizens of Israel. The Committee requests that the additional information also include an update on the Outline Plan of Ein Hod and progress in the recognition of Arab El-Na'im, as well as an update on the Jahalin Bedouins camped in Abu Dis who are awaiting a court decision on their resettlement. The Committee requests the submission of detailed additional information in this respect in time for the twenty-third session of the Committee in November and December 2000 (para. 32).		

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	E/C.12/1/Add.15	The Committee requested that the State party provide the Committee with all of the written answers promised by the delegation, and that the State party's second periodic report contain more information regarding actual practice and the effective implementation of the rights guaranteed by the Covenant and include information on action taken with regard to the present concluding observations (concluding observations, para. 25).	Second periodic report	
Nigeria	E/C.12/1/Add.23 May 1998	The Committee urges in the strongest terms that union leaders and their rank and file members, including in particular those named in paragraph 17 above, who have been imprisoned without being charged or tried, be freed immediately (concluding observations, para. 37).	Urgently	
Paraguay	E/1990/5/Add.23 E/C.12/1996/ SR.1, 2, 4 E/C.12/1/Add.1	The Committee requested the State party to provide it with written replies to the unanswered questions from the list of issues (concluding observations, para. 32).	31 Oct. 1996	The requested information was provided on 10 December 1998

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The next report should fill in the information gaps identified during the consideration of the initial report by the Committee (i.e. detailed information on the full implementation of legislative and administrative measures relating to prevention and enforcement in respect of safe and healthy working conditions; cases in which the Covenant has been invoked in the courts) (concluding observations, para. 32).	30 June 1999	
Peru	E/C.12/1/Add.12	The Committee called upon the State party to submit as soon as possible all the relevant information which it had failed to provide during the consideration of its report. The State party should, in particular, give detailed information on the legislative and other measures and practices adopted in connection with the right to adequate housing and the right to social security, particularly in relation to the functioning of the pensions system (concluding observations, para. 40).	As soon as possible	The requested information was provided on 2 December 1997 and 18 February 1998.

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Portugal (Macau)	E/1990/6/Add.8 E/C.12/1996/SR.31-33 E/C.12/1/Add.9	The Committee took note of the readiness of the State party to provide it with additional information in reply to the concerns expressed by it in the course of the discussion, and recommended that in its replies the State party pay particular attention to the issue of family reunification and to the legislative provisions safeguarding the principles of ILO Conventions No. 103 and No. 138 and their practical applications (concluding observations, para. 16).	1 May 1997	
		The Committee recommended, in view of the lack of sufficient information provided by the State party, that detailed information be provided on measures taken to implement the provisions of article 10. In that connection, the attention of the State party was drawn to the relevant parts of the Committee's revised guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports to be submitted by State parties (concluding observations, para. 18).	1 May 1997	
		The Committee strongly urged the Portuguese Administration to take all necessary measures to ensure that the reports under the Covenant were submitted after 1999 (concluding observations, para. 24).		

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Solomon Islands (without report)	E/C.12/1/Add.33 (twentieth session)	The Committee recommends that the Government of Solomon Islands avail itself of the advisory services of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, so that it may submit, as soon as possible, a comprehensive report on the implementation of the Covenant in conformity with the Committee's revised guidelines and with particular emphasis on the issues raised and concerns expressed in the present concluding observations (concluding observations, para. 25). The Committee also encourages the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, through its programme of advisory services and technical cooperation, to make expert assistance available to the Government for the purpose of formulating policies on economic, social and cultural rights and developing the implementation of coherent and comprehensive plans of action for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as for developing adequate means of evaluating and monitoring their realization (concluding observations, para. 25).	As soon as possible	

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		In accordance with articles 2.1 and 23 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the specialized agencies are invited to supply the Committee with supplementary information and comments relevant to the status and enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights in Solomon Islands, thereby assisting the Committee and the State party to identify appropriate measures designed to implement the Covenant in Solomon Islands. The Committee invites the State party to participate in a dialogue to be held during the Committee's twenty-first session together with representatives of the relevant specialized agencies, such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, FAO, WHO, ILO, UNDP, UNICEF and UNESCO. The Committee expresses its belief that only by means of a constructive dialogue between the State party, the above institutions and the Committee can an adequate and realistic appraisal of the feasible development and human rights strategies be achieved for the benefit of all citizens of Solomon Islands (concluding observations, para. 28).	Twenty-first session, 19 November 1999, 38th meeting	

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Sri Lanka	E/1990/5/Add.32 E/C.12/1998/SR.3-5 E/C.12/1/Add.24	The Committee further requests that an updated report be provided on progress achieved by the Government in addressing the problems of poverty, malnutrition and lack of adequate housing (para. 28).	1999	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Hong Kong	E/1994/104/Add.10 E/C.12/1996/SR.39, 41, 42 and 44 E/C.12/1/Add.10	The Committee requested that, within 45 days, it receive a comprehensive response to its inquiry regarding three Vietnamese refugees who had been denied medical and dental treatment, mainly for refusing to return voluntarily to Viet Nam (concluding observations, para. 42).	27 Jan. 1997	Response received on 23 Jan. 1997
Zimbabwe	E/C.12/1/Add.12	The Committee reminded the State party that, as a signatory to the Covenant, it was committed to ensure compulsory, free primary education to all children in Zimbabwe. Even though the Committee was aware of the current difficulties in Zimbabwe and the State party's efforts in that field, the Committee invited the State party to submit to it within a year a plan of action and a progress report as to the implementation of this obligation (concluding observations, para. 22).	16 May 1998	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		Bearing in mind that members of the Committee requested specific information that was not provided during the examination of the State party's report, in particular on the cultural situation and the participation of minority groups in cultural life, the Committee urged the State party to submit the requested additional information and statistics within three months of receipt of the Committee's concluding observations, and in any event prior to the Committee's seventeenth session (concluding observations, para. 23).	20 Aug. 1997	

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SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ARISING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS:

STATEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS TO THE THIRD MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (Seattle, 30 November to 3 December 1999)*

1. The United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (the Committee) recognizes the advantages of an international trading system as envisioned in the preamble to the 1994 Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO) with avowed objectives including higher standards of living, steady growth of real income, full employment and economic growth patterns compatible with sustainable development. The preamble also proclaims that even the least developed countries will share the benefits of global production and trade in goods.

2. On the occasion of the Third Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, the Committee urges WTO to undertake a review of the full range of international trade and investment policies and rules in order to ensure that these are consistent with existing treaties, legislation and policies designed to protect and promote all human rights. Such a review should address as a matter of highest priority the impact of WTO policies on the most vulnerable sectors of society as well as on the environment. The Committee recalls its statement of May 1998 on

* Adopted at its 47th meeting, twenty-first session, held on 26 November 1999.

Globalization and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in which it emphasized that the realms of trade, finance and investment are in no way exempt from human rights principles and that "the international organizations with specific responsibilities in those areas should play a positive and constructive role in relation to human rights".

3. In its task of monitoring compliance by States parties with their obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (the Covenant), the Committee has become increasingly aware of the extent to which international economic policies and practices affect the ability of States to fulfil their treaty obligations. The Committee therefore underlines and endorses the call from the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in its resolution 1999/30 of 26 August 1999 for steps to be taken "to ensure that human rights principles and obligations are fully integrated in future negotiations in the World Trade Organization", and for proper study to be undertaken of the "human rights and social impacts of economic liberalization programmes, policies and laws".

4. The Committee is aware of the impending further rounds of trade liberalization negotiations and that new areas such as investments might be included in the WTO system. It thus becomes even more urgent that a comprehensive review also be undertaken to assess the impact that trade liberalization may have on the effective enjoyment of human rights, especially the rights enshrined in the Covenant. The UNDP Human Development Report 1999 signals a strong warning against the negative consequences of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), particularly on food security, indigenous knowledge, bio-safety and access to health care - major concerns of the Committee as reflected in articles 11 to 15 of the Covenant. The wave of economic and corporate restructurings undertaken to respond to an increasingly competitive global market and the widespread dismantling of social security systems have resulted in unemployment, work insecurity and worsening labour conditions giving rise to violations of core economic and social rights set forth in articles 6 to 9 of the Covenant.

5. It is the Committee's view that WTO contributes significantly to and is part of the process of global governance reform. This reform must be driven by a concern for the individual and not by purely macroeconomic considerations alone. Human rights norms must shape the process of international economic policy formulation so that the benefits for human development of the evolving international trading regime will be shared equitably by all, in particular the most vulnerable sectors.

6. The Committee recognizes the wealth-generating potential of trade liberalization, but it is also aware that liberalization in trade, investment and finance does not necessarily create and lead to a favourable environment for the realization of economic, social and cultural rights. Trade liberalization must be understood as a means, not an end. The end which trade liberalization should serve is the objective of human well-being to which the international human rights instruments give legal expression. In this regard the Committee wishes to remind WTO members of the central and fundamental nature of human rights obligations. At the World Conference on Human Rights held in 1993 in Vienna, 171 States declared that the promotion and protection of human rights is the first responsibility of Governments.

7. In its work, the Committee will continue to monitor the impact of international economic policies on the progressive realization by States parties of their obligations under the Covenant, as well as the extent to which States contribute to formulating international and national economic policies that disregard and/or impact negatively on economic, social and cultural rights.

8. The Committee urges WTO members to ensure that their international human rights obligations are considered as a matter of priority in their negotiations which will be an important testing ground for the commitment of States to the full range of their international obligations. The Committee would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with WTO on these matters and thereby be active partners towards the realization of all the rights set forth in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.